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Please rewrite the paragraph at page 10, lines 8-11 as follows:

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Further, since the closed-cell cellular material 14 is present between the PVC layer 12 of the skin material 10 and the cushioning material 20, the plasticizer contained in the PVC layer 12 cannot migrate through the substrate fabric 13 to the cushioning material 20, thereby preventing degradation of the cushioning material 20.

Please change the paragraph at page 22, line 17 to page 23, line 1 to read as follows.

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Alternatively, adhesive 40 may be coated on skin material 10 molded into a concave/convex shape in a mold frame and then the skin charged with a starting precursor for urethane foam and molding the same by framing.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12 and rewrite claims 13, 14 and 15 as follows:

13. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a vehicle seat comprising:

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providing a cushioning material having a ridge defining a seating area;
coating an adhesive on at least one the seating area of the cushioning material and a first portion of a skin material disposed to cover the seating area;

covering the cushioning material with the skin material;
press-bonding the skin material to the cushioning material; and
securing a peripheral edge of the skin material to the seat.

14. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a vehicle seat as defined in claim 13, wherein the method further comprises:

vacuum forming the skin material into a three-dimensional shape prior to said coating.

15. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a vehicle seat as defined in claim 13 further comprising:

forming the skin material by joining the first portion of the skin material and a second portion of skin material, for covering portions of cushioning material outside of the seating area, said joining forming a joining line;

forming a concave groove in the cushioning material at a predetermined position including the joining line, on the seating area side of the ridge; and

covering over the cushioning material with a water proof film and then cutting off the water proof film along the concave groove so that no water proof film remains within the seating area.

REMARKS

A "Substitute Specification and Abstract" is submitted herewith in order to place the case